

[6th February 1924]

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I am afraid it is a very large order: the hon. Member had better make a separate request."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" I bow to your ruling, Sir."

Mr. SASIBHUSHANA RATH Mahasayo :—" In the answer it is stated that he also applied 'in connexion with two other appointments, namely, the Presidentship of the Legislative Council and the Vice-Chancellorship of the Madras University'. May I know if those two posts are also in the gift of the hon. the Chief Minister?"

(No answer.)

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTIYAR :—" May I ask the Minister for Local Self-Government whether it is the practice with him to intercede on behalf of his party men to get them appointments which do not lie in his power to give?"

(No answer.)

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" I want to put a series of questions arising on this. May I do so, Sir?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I am really sorry the hon. Member is just a little late as we have passed on to the next question. I am sure he will be able to put his question separately."

Accountancy.

The Head Accountant Test Examination.

134 Q.—Mr. K. ABDUL HYE SAHIB: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the number of Muhammadans who were selected for the Head Accountant Test Examinations in the Ceded Districts during the past two years and also the number of Hindus selected for these examinations in the Ceded Districts?

A.—There is no 'Head Accountant Test Examination' as such. The hon. Member apparently refers to the head accountant's training given to the subordinates in Revenue Department. Collectors arrange for this training and the Government have no information in regard to the number of men selected for the training from each community.

Agriculture.

Cultivation of tank-beds.

135 Q.—Mr. G. RAMESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state if Collectors are empowered to allow tank-bed cultivation for raising food-crops in times of distress?

A.—The orders now in force are those contained in G.O. No. 2964, Revenue, dated the 3rd October 1912, and the conditions under which permission should be granted are those mentioned in paragraph 1 of the Reference from the Board of Revenue No. 354, dated the 10th February 1904. Extracts of these papers are annexed.*

* Printed as Appendix I on page 167 infra.